**Rural development prosperity through connectivity (RUPCON)**

*440. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multi-pronged plan for ushering in rural development prosperity through connectivity (RUPCON) has been unveiled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that "10 immediate missions" to achieve the goals of rural development are proposed to be set up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUBANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

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**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

**Secret and confidential defence information on Internet**

2244. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether secret and confidential information relating to defence is still available on Internet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to identify and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Classified (secret and confidential) information is not available on websites of Ministry of Defence and Organisations thereunder.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Spying by 'USS Bowditch' inside India's EEZ**

2245. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naval headquarters have sent a detailed note to the

Ministry of Defence raising serious objections about an American warship "USS Bowditch" spying consistently for several months in 2002-2003 and carrying out unauthorised exercises off the Vishakapatnam coast well inside India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ); and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take against the American warship for this illegal act against international rules?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Constitution of a commission for Ex-servicemen**

†2246. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constituting a Commission to formulate a comprehensive policy with a view to study and sort out the problems of ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, the details of steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Crash of MIG and Mirage Jet Fighters**

2247. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many MIG and Mirage Jet Fighter Planes have crashed in the last five years;

(b) the number of pilots killed in such mishaps; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the preventive action taken to avert such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A

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